

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 27, 2023**

**Members and Advisors Present:** Pat Miller (Chair), Dr. Shari Quick (Vice-Chair), Beth Llewellyn (Treasurer), Tom Sloan (Secretary), Bob Moody, Kristin Salmans, Dr. Beth Roselyn, Pat Brown and Dr. Scott Thellman

**Members and Advisors Excused:** Dr. Tamara Cash and Dr. Lee Reussner

**Staff Members Present:** Russ Johnson, Sheryle D’Amico, Traci Hoopingarner, Danae Johnson and Autumn Bell

**Others Present:** Andy Ramirez, Hospital Counsel from Spencer Fane

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Opening Statement**

The following opening statement was read by Danae Johnson, Director – Executive Administration:

“Good morning. Thank you for joining the LMH Health Board of Trustee’s meeting. Before we get started, we’d like to outline a few important procedural details for this meeting:

- LMH Health Board of Trustees welcomes community feedback on policies and issues affecting its clinics and the hospital. In order to ensure time is used efficiently, we will not take public comments during the meeting. However, comments may be shared with board members in a number of different ways, including the comments section of our webpage, by emailing [trustees@lmh.org](mailto:trustees@lmh.org), by calling 785-505-6138, or by contacting individual trustees with the contact information listed on our website at [lmh.org](http://lmh.org).
- During the meeting, each Trustee will identify themselves using their first and last name prior to commenting.
- Roll call will be taken for voting on each item requiring board action.
- We will be having an executive session at this meeting. At the appointed time, the Board Chair will call for a motion to enter into executive session. This motion will include the time that the open session of the meeting will resume. This executive session is reserved for the Trustees and CEO only. Everyone else will be asked to leave the meeting during executive session and is welcome to return to the meeting when open session resumes.
- If members of the public wish to obtain meeting materials, please contact [trustees@lmh.org](mailto:trustees@lmh.org) or call 785-505-6138.”

**Amendment of the Agenda**

Pat Miller, Chair requested to amend the agenda to add a report from the Chief of Staff to occur after the consent agenda.

MOTION to amend the agenda as proposed by the Chair.

Made by Beth Llewellyn,

Seconded by Bob Moody.

Motion carried.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda (see below) for the December 27, 2023 meeting was presented for review with approval requested:

- Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes, Nov. 29, 2023
- Conflict Resolution Policy
- Patient Safety and Performance Improvement Plan
- Risk Management Plan
- CE-HRO Dashboard 2024
- Medical Executive Committee Recommendations:
  - Medical Credentials
  - Bylaw Revisions
  - 2024 Medical Staff Ballot
  - Graduate Medical Education Committee Annual Report

MOTION to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Made by Dr. Shari Quick.,

Seconded by Beth Llewellyn.

Motion carried.

### **Chief of Staff Report**

Dr. Jon Heeb acknowledged that this will be his last Board meeting as Chief of Staff. Dr. Heeb thanked the Trustees for their support during his time as Chief of Staff. He stated that the Medical Staff recognize and appreciate the commitment the Board has to the hospital. Dr. Heeb went on to recognize Russ Johnson and the Senior Leadership Team for the time and dedication that they have shown during a difficult time in healthcare. Dr. Heeb also recognized the employees who work in the Medical Staff Office, their efforts help ensure the success of the medical staff at large.

Several Trustees and Russ Johnson also thanked Dr. Heeb for his service as Chief of Staff and recognized the value that Dr. Heeb has added through his leadership and attendance at Board meetings.

### **Advocacy Discussion**

Pat Miller reminded the Board that an advocacy workgroup of Trustees was recently formed to help prioritize legislative initiatives for LMH. Priorities discussed in this group will be brought for to the Board for approval prior to any formal action by the organization. Ms. Miller thanked the group for their efforts so far.

Tom Sloan, Chair of the Advocacy Workgroup, reported that the team worked on developing a letter to KHA encouraging the organization to take a stronger approach to Medicare expansion. Subsequently, the Governor published her proposal on Medicaid expansion in 2024. As a result of the Governor's announcement, Russ Johnson will revise the letter and send it to KHA under his signature.

In addition, the workgroup has supported some follow-up on LMH's FEMA funding requests and Mr. Johnson has received responses from Rep. Tracy Mann and Sen. Roger Marshall. Mr. Johnson is in continued conversation with those offices.

Mr. Sloan and Mr. Johnson are also meeting with the Insurance Commissioner and will report out on the outcome of that conversation.

The advocacy workgroup will be meeting again in the New Year to develop a strategy to collaborate with other hospitals on promoting Medicaid expansion. The LMH communications team we be developing talking points for Trustees to help support advocacy issues.

**Executive Session 1**

Motion was made to recess into executive session. The subject of the executive session will be to discuss personnel matters as authorized by Section 75-4319(b)(1) of the Kansas Open Meetings Act which authorizes discussion of personnel matters of nonelected personnel. This executive session will include the Board of Trustees and the CEO only. The open meeting will reconvene at 8:57 a.m.

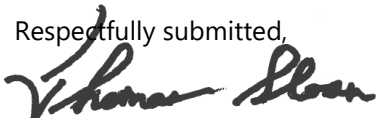
MOTION made by Dr. Shari Quick,  
Seconded by Bob Moody.  
Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

With no further business presented, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION made by Bob Moody,  
Seconded by Tom Sloan.  
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Sloan".

Tom Sloan, Secretary of the Board